

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And we can get to those amendments. But at this particular point, I think we need to have...at least give the Speaker of the Legislature the courtesy of having a vote on his bill, up or down, rather than doing it in this particular manner. And I urge that the body, regardless of their viewpoint of the bill, not postpone the bill at this point.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, we have motion to cease debate. I see sufficient seconds. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We will cease debate. Senator Dierks, do you have closing?

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President, members of the body, very briefly, I believe it's been interesting to hear some of the debate this morning. Some of the same things we heard four years ago, and I'm not sure that they change the results at all. I should say that we do have a thing, Senator Baack, that you provide more restrictions on minors that you asked for, and that's LB 48. It's there. You cannot restrict minors in the sampling process. There's no way you can put legislation there that will do it. It's been tried before, it doesn't work. The sampling process does not get away from minors, you just can't do it. It's difficult to justify this type of legislation, it always will be because you're talking about a carcinogen, you're talking about something that causes a squamous cell carcinoma, you're talking about a death dealing agent, and I don't think that you can justify that sort of thing, especially when you're justifying it only on the basis of what it will bring in the way of money and profit to the tobacco industry, that's the only thing you can do it on. The minister of the day, the day that we had the hearing on LB 577, made these remarks during his prayer that morning, he said, help the legislators pass laws for the welfare and the benefit of all Nebraskans. I urge your support of the kill motion. Thank you.